Workers' participation in management in Regional Rural Banks

587. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for not introducing workers' participation in management in Regional Rural Banks till date;

(b) whether messengers working in Regional Rural Banks are working on daily wages; if so, what are the reasons for not absorbing them inspite of 10 years' service in the establishment of Regional Rural Banks; and

(c) what are the reasons for not referring the All India Gramin Bank Workers Organisation's Charter of Demands to the Industrial Tribunal inspite of a lapse of more than one year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The Regional Rural Banks Act 1976 does not provide for appointment of a workman director on the Board of Management of such banks.

(b) Regional Rural Banks have been conceived as low cost institutions to meet the credit needs of small/marginal farmers, agricultural eabourers, rural artisans and other persons with annual income upto Rs. 6500/-. In keeping with the low cost profile of these banks the Regional Rural Banks were precluded from engaging class IV employees by whatever name called. However, subsequently, recognising the need for manual assistance in the branches and at the Head Office of Regional Rural Banks, these banks were permitted to engage part-time messengers on daily wages. Such daily waged workers were also eligible for provident fund, bonus and other facilities available under law to such employees. From 8-10-1984 the Regional Rural Banks have been advised to post regular messengers at Head Offices and bigger branches of Regional Rural Banks.

(c) Labour Ministry which is concerned with this part of the question has reported that since each and every Regional Rural Bank is an individual entity, the remedy lay in raising the demands before the concerned authorities in the area. The Industrial Dispute raised by this organisation was therefore declined for adjudication and the decision was communicated to them by the Labour Ministry on 14-1-1985.

Relief given to artificial yarn industry

588. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the Jansatta of February 13, 1986 to the effect that the relief amount of Rs. 131 crores which he had allowed to the artificial yarn industry had not reached the consumers;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken to see that the relief given reaches the consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In the case of NTC Mills manufacturing low-priced fabrics under the 'sulabh' cloth Scheme, the benefits have reportedly been passed on to the consumers. In certain other areas, the benefits were reportedly not passed on in entirety Government has taken note of thi. and in the 1986 Budget, the reli